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SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE - NEW ORLEANS TALKS

1. UK EMBOFFS BRIEFED DEPARTMENT ON LATEST BELIZE TALKS DURING MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN ON MAY 1.

2. MEETING APRIL 20, WITH COURTENAY PRESENT, SAW GUATEMALANS INSISTING UPON TERRITORIAL COMPENSATION AS VITAL TO ANY SETTLEMENT. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, AYCINENA SAID HE THOUGHT THAT GUATEMALA COULD ACCEPT LINE ALONG MONKEY RIVER TO ITS WATERSHED AND THEN TO CURRENT BOUNDARY; IN RETURN BELIZE COULD HAVE UNFETTERED INDEPENDENCE. GUATEMALA WOULD INSIST UPON ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS WERE LESS LAND TRANSFERRED.

3. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO REFLECT UPON THIS POSITION.
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NO DATE WAS SET FOR A THIRD ROUND OF TALKS.

4. MANUEL TELLO, UK CONTACT POINT IN MEXICAN FON MIN, BELIEVES GOM COULD ACCEPT CESSION UP TO RIO MOHO AND,

IN RETURN FOR TREATY GUARANTEE OF ACCESS TO CHETUMAL,
WOULD RECOGNIZE BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE. TELLO GAVE AS
PERSONAL VIEW OPINION THAT MONKEY RIVER LINE WOULD BE
UNACCEPTABLE TO GOM.

5. ACCORDING TO UK OFFICERS, H;G MILDLY OPTIMISTIC
OVER PROSPECTS. UK NEGOTIATORS BELIEVE THAT GUATEMALANS
ARE SERIOUS AND THAT SOME CESSION OF LAND WILL BE
NECESSARY BUT THAT CESSION UP TO MONKEY RIVER NOT
ACCEPTABLE. KISSINGER

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